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RUTH COLEMAN, DIRECTOR

February 25, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Subject: Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Mouth Maintenance Program

California State Parks (CSP) supports the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation's proposed Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Mouth Maintenance Program. CSP owns and manages nearly all of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon as a part of the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. Extended mouth closures caused by sediment input from the ocean and urban encroachment along the lagoon borders can reduce the Lagoon's ability to reopen naturally. During prolonged closures water quality in the lagoon can decline to levels that are fatal for fish and invertebrates. These problems are often exacerbated by freshwater input from the urban portions of the watershed. Excessive freshwater can cause lagoon water levels to rise to the point that they inundate terrestrial habitat that is used by sensitive lagoon species, including the endangered Belding's Savannah Sparrow and Light-footed Clapper Rail.

If you have any questions concerning how State Parks can further support this project, please contact Darren Smith, Environmental Scientist at (619) 278-3785.

Sincerely,

Ronilee A. Clark, Superintendent
San Diego Coast District

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March 24, 2008

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman

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Mountain*

State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor

Carmel Valley

Oakland, CA 94612

Del Mar

Del Mar Heights

Subject: Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Mouth Maintenance Plan

Del Mar Mesa

Encinitas

Dear Mr. Bosco,

Escondido

La Jolla

Leucadia

Mira Mesa

I am writing this letter in support of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation's proposed Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Mouth Maintenance Program. As the County Supervisor for this State-designated Critical Coast Area and Preserve, I believe that this program is essential for the protection of the Lagoon.

Navajo

Olivenhain

Pacific Beach

*Rancho
Bernardo*

The environmental health of the Lagoon is compromised due to mouth closures caused by sediment input from the ocean and urban encroachment along the lagoon borders that reduces the Lagoon's ability to reopen naturally.

*Rancho
Peñasquitos*

Sabre Springs

San Carlos

Scripps Ranch

During prolonged mouth closures, water quality can decline to levels considered stressful and sometimes fatal for fish and invertebrates that reside in lagoon channels. Furthermore, freshwater input from the watershed can cause lagoon water levels to rise to the point that they inundate terrestrial habitat that is used by several lagoon species, including the federally endangered Belding's Savannah Sparrow and Light-footed Clapper Rail.

Solana Beach

Tierrasanta

Torrey Hills

Torrey Pines

Thank you for your attention to this important program. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor Pam Slater-Price
Third District
PSP/sk



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SCOTT H. PETERS**

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

March 18, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Mouth Maintenance Program

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to ask your support of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation's proposed Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Mouth Maintenance Program. Since 1985, the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation has been instrumental in restoring Los Peñasquitos Lagoon through adaptive management and coordinating stakeholder involvement.

As the elected representative of this environmentally-sensitive area, I believe that this program is essential for the protection of the Lagoon. It is my understanding that this project will provide both short- and long-term benefits that include: reducing impacts associated with flooding to surrounding habitat used by two federally endangered bird species; reducing vulnerability of nearby urban developments to floods; removing sediment loads that alter natural tidal channels in the lagoon mouth area and reduce tidal mixing; and protecting the beneficial uses afforded by Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, one of our region's most treasured natural features.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott H. Peters", written over a blue "RECEIVED" stamp.

Scott H. Peters

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